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Providing stories and photographs of events and activities in the communities of Giebelstadt, Kitzingen and Wuerzburg

IMA-Euro to change to U.S. Army Garrison Structure

HEIDELBERG – The U.S. Army Installation Management Agency – Europe Region (IMA-EURO) will hold a formal redesignation ceremony Thursday, Oct. 13, at 3:15 p.m. on the Campbell Barracks parade field, Heidelberg.

During the ceremony, IMA-Europe's seven Area Support Groups (ASGs), 11 Base Support Battalions (BSBs) and three Area Support Teams will be redesignated as U.S. Army Garrisons (USAGs) to bring the IMA-Europe Region in line with the rest of the Army. Delegations from every ASG and BSB from

Germany, Italy, Belgium, and the Netherlands, will participate in the ceremony.

The Installation Management Agency (IMA) was established on Oct. 1, 2002. The headquarters is located in Arlington, Virginia. IMA's mission is to bring together all installation support services under one umbrella to promote optimal care and support of Soldiers and families. Before the establishment of IMA, major commands had two basic missions: the tactical mission and installation operations.

Today, IMA manages installations in support of Army tactical missions and the major commands are no longer directly responsible for the day-to-day "city management" of installations.

The headquarters for installation management in Europe is located in Heidelberg, Germany. IMA-Europe is one of the seven regions around the world which directly report to the IMA in Arlington, Virginia. IMA-Europe is responsible for all facets of support for U.S. Army Soldiers and families in Europe.

Spouses Club hosts last Fall Harvest Bazaar

By Elizabeth Armstrong
KCSC, representative

The Kitzingen Community Spouses Club, or KCSC, will hold its last International Fall Harvest Bazaar Oct. 21 - 23 at the Harvey Barracks Gym in Kitzingen.

Opening ceremonies for the bazaar, which is open to all U.S. ID card holders, will start at 11:15 a.m. The bazaar will remain open Oct. 21 until 7 p.m. On Oct. 22, the doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Oct. 23, the doors will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The fall bazaar is KCSC's largest annual fund-raiser and the proceeds from the bazaar provide financial assistance to various community organizations such as the American Red Cross or the Department of Defense District Schools.

"About 70 percent of the profits



Three ladies look over the assortment of Polish pottery during a past Kitzingen Fall Harvest Bazaar.

Photo by Larry Reilly

made are distributed to various community organizations," said Ruby Brabo, KCSC president. "However, the bazaar would not be such a success nor even possible without the help of the

many volunteers."

This year, there will be a number of perks for those who volunteer their time at the bazaar. Volunteers will be able to shop for an hour

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Celebrate Hispanic heritage

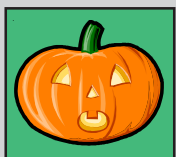
By Larry Reilly
Public Affairs Office

In recognition of National Hispanic American Heritage Month which runs from Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, USAG Franconia will hold a celebration at the Cantigny Club on Leighton Barracks at 11 a.m. Oct. 12.

The event, sponsored by the Equal Employment Office and the Equal Opportunity Office, will feature guest speaker Capt. Jose H. Ocasio-Santiago, HHC, 1st Infantry Division, commander.

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Looking between the pages



The three communities of USAG Franconia have scheduled numerous events to celebrate the scariest day of the year as Halloween Day weekend nears.

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The USAG Franconia Fire Department has a full schedule of events and activities to help bring awareness to fire safety during National Fire Prevention Safety week.

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12th Aviation Brigade provides a lot of air support during its current deployment, but one of its biggest missions is to deliver pencils and shoes for a humanitarian project.

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IMA-Europe Director encourages maximum CFC participation

As Americans, a key part of our history and national identity is our generosity toward others. Nowhere is this trait more evident than in the contributions being made every day by our Soldiers and civilians here at Installation Management Activity-Europe.

Each year we demonstrate our support to dozens of hard-working research, educational and charitable organizations through the Combined Federal Campaign. The CFC enables soldiers and civilians to help these organizations make an enormous - often lifesaving - difference in the lives of people around the globe.

In the next few days, you will be contacted by your CFC Key Worker. He or she will provide you a booklet listing CFC agencies as

well as the forms necessary to make an annual gift or to pledge your continuing support through payroll deductions.

Please take a close look at the array of organizations listed in your CFC booklet. It's hard to image a broader spectrum of groups and agencies working to better the lives of our families, our nation and our world.

One of the things I like most about CFC is its flexibility. We can make either one large contribution to a single organization or smaller amounts to several.

We live in challenging, yet exciting times. As part of the Army team, we're the kind of people who choose to make a difference. We do so by our duty to the nation; our service around the world; and



Mr. Russell Hall

our commitment to back our beliefs with tangible actions.

Over the years, in both military and civilian service, I've gained a tremendous sense of pride in my

fellow workers. No matter how great our immediate challenge — from global deployments, to assisting the victims of natural disasters, to building a garrison support organization — we “go the extra mile” by also supporting the annual CFC fund-raising campaign.

Our tradition of generosity continues this year. Whether your contribution to the Combined Federal Campaign is large or small, I urge you to join me in supporting this great effort.

Thank you again for your service and your generosity.

Mr. Russell Hall
Regional Director
IMA-Europe

Student vagrancy, fall clean up are topics of concern

Do you know where your children are and what they are doing; especially after school? Please take a look at the Child Supervision Policy and ensure you and your children are in compliance.

The food court area at the Leighton Barracks Post Exchange has become a major hang out for students after school. Some of you seem to use it as an alternative for “baby sitting” or child care. It's okay that they visit the Post Exchange and socialize in the food court area; it's their behavior that's not always okay and it's starting to get out of hand.

Immediately after school, students are going to the food court and putting their book bags and jackets on the tables or floor then running through the PX and lobby area horse playing and being extremely loud. Just the other day, a group of students dropped their personal belongings in the lobby area and decided to play football on the grassy area directly in front of the PX, which is right next to the road. This is very dangerous because of the continuous flow of vehicle traffic.

The peak time for this type of activity has



CSM Ralph Ford

Twice each year, during the spring and the fall seasons, all members of the USAG Franconia community are expected to participate in an organized, community-wide cleanup. This year's Fall Cleanup will occur Nov. 7 to 9. Senior military personnel, directors, supervisors/managers, area support teams and area and building coordinators are responsible for coordinating and ensuring cleanup efforts are conducted in their areas.

At a minimum, all outside areas are to be raked,

been from 3 to 6 p.m. Please talk with your children about their behavior in public places, especially at the food court on Leighton Barracks because it's beginning to become a disruption to other people visiting the area at that time.

edged, trimmed and cleared of all trash and debris. Our Ship Stores (Self Help) are available to provide resources to help with this event. If you have resources you know you will need, please stop by and put in your request so they will have it available for you by the start date. Also, if you have an area that needs our Director of Public Works' (DPW) attention, please give them a call so they can react to that need.

Sprucing up the community gives everyone a sense of pride in our community as well as our working and living areas. It will also provide a great visual impression to our visitors. If everyone does their part, then everyone will benefit and our fall cleanup efforts will be a huge success and truly enhance the appearance of all our communities.

Any questions regarding Fall Cleanup should be sent through the chain of command, the area and building coordinators and then on to our Area Support teams who will provide you with answers and information for this event.

CSM Ralph Ford
USAG- Franconia, Command Sergeant Major

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Communities schedule Halloween events

In recognition of the scariest and most popular sweet-tooth weekend of the year, the USAG Franconia communities have set up the following Halloween weekend events.

Oct. 30, Sunday

Giebelstadt Army Airfield: Trunk or Treating, a haunted house and costume parade will be held inside the Stov buildings from 5 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

For more information, call 352-7408.

Oct. 31, Monday

Wuerzburg, Leighton Barracks:



Fall Safety Day event inside the Physical Fitness Center from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Trunk or Treating at the Post Exchange parking lot from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. and Trick or Treating in the Skyline and Lincoln Housing Areas from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. Haunted House at the Cantigny Club from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 350-7151 or 0931-8897151. (Note: Vehicle setup for Trunk or Treat starts

at 4 p.m.)

Kitzingen, Marshall Heights: The traditional door-to-door Trick or Treating session will be held at the

Marshall Heights Housing Area from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. For more information, call 355-1500 or 09321-3051500.

The above events are subject to change.

For up-to-date information as Halloween nears, call the point of contacts provided.

Fall Safety Fest set

In conjunction with all the activities of the Halloween weekend, a number of agencies and organizations within the USAG Franconia communities are coordinating their efforts to host the command's annual Fall Safety Fest at the Leighton Barracks

Physical Fitness Center Oct. 31 from 3 to 6 p.m.

"The Safety Fest will provide everyone in the community an opportunity to brush up on a variety of safety aspects," said Don Smith, Wuerzburg Area Support Team, director. "Along with the Military Police, who will have the safety belt simulator, and the Safety Office, which will bring the drunk driving and bicycle simulator, there will be a number of other agencies providing both hands-on items as well as literature promoting all aspects of safety."

In fact, the inside of the gym will sport a true festival atmosphere with a number of bouncy rides for the children, numerous tables overflowing with literature from such agencies as the fire department, ACS and AAFES.

"The Safety Fest will be a great place to take the entire family before Trick or Treating starts and the Haunted House opens," Smith said. "Arrangements have been made for the Military Police to hand out hundreds of CHEMLIGHTS to the trick or treaters."

The crime dog, McGruf and his friend Pluggie, the radio-controlled fire hydrant will also be at the Safety Fest.

For more information on the Fall Safety Fest, call 350-7151.

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"The celebration will be open to everyone interested in learning about the history and heritage of our Hispanic community," said

SFC Gerald Felton, 1st Infantry Division Support Command, Equal Opportunity Advisor.

"Ocasio-Santiago will talk on the theme of the month, Hispanic Americans: Strong and colorful threads in the American Fabric and

talk about his life as a Hispanic in the military and a Hispanic growing up in America."

To enhance the cultural experience, a free buffet of Hispanic food dishes will be offered to all.

Other highlights of the celebration will include an instructional Salsa dance performance and Hispanic music, via a DJ, will help set the mood of the celebration.

"Sergeant Jammy Serrano and Specialist Michelle Castro-Diaz will demonstrate the art of Salsa dancing and help those wishing to learn," Felton said.

"We invite the entire community to share our recognition of the National Hispanic American heritage month."

For more information, call SFC Gerald Felton at 355-8796.

Wuerzburg, Kitzingen, Giebelstadt Communities Celebrate

National Hispanic American Heritage Month

Wednesday, 12 October 2005

1100 - 1300 hours

Cantigny Club

Guest Speaker: MAJ Jose H. Ocasio-Santiago
Company Commander, HHC, 1st Infantry Division

All are Welcome!
Come out and celebrate with us
For Food and Fun.

"Hispanic Americans: Strong and Colorful Threads in the American Fabric"

Sponsored by the DISCOM Equal Opportunity Office
For Details Contact SFC Felton @ DSN 355-8796 or Commercial 093213058796

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before the official opening. Separate volunteer prize raffles will be held daily, a free volunteer appreciation brunch will be held on Friday and free childcare on will be offered on

Saturday.

"KCSC wanted to recruit people who would not normally be able to volunteer because they have young children at home. This is a great way for someone to enjoy the perks of volunteering while their children are being cared for," said Catherine Johnson, who

handles childcare reservations.

"Childcare will only be available to volunteers on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Marshall Heights Child Development Center from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.," Catherine said.

Another change in tradition this year will occur at the food tent.

According to Brabo, KCSC has

contracted Jenny's Schnitzel House and Pizza Hut to sell food during the bazaar this year.

For more information on the bazaar, e-mail KCSC at kcscgermany@yahoo.com.

For information on volunteer opportunities, call Susan Martin at 09323-876478.

European Command kicks off 2005 CFC Overseas Campaign



Fire demonstrations to heat up communities

In recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, USAG Franconia fire officials will hold several events.

Fire officials will visit each of the three communities and set up displays, offer tours of fire trucks, give fire extinguisher training, and provide visits from "Pluggie, the little fire hydrant" and other children's games.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

The fire officials will be at the Leighton Barracks Child Development Center, building

185. From 9 to 11:30 a.m., the crew will conduct fire prevention education demonstrations for the children of the center. From 3 to 5 p.m., the crew will conduct educational demonstrations for residents of the Skyline Housing Area.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

The fire officials will be at the Marshall Heights Child Development Center, building 391. From 9 to 11:30 a.m., the crew will conduct fire prevention educational demonstrations for the children of the center. From 3 to 5 p.m., the

crew will conduct educational demonstrations for the residents of the Marshall Heights Housing Area.

Thursday, Oct. 13

The fire officials will be at the Giebelstadt Fire Station, Building 604 Center. From 9 to 11:30 a.m., the crew will conduct fire prevention educational demonstrations for the children of the Children Development Center. From 3 to 5 p.m., the crew will conduct educational demonstrations for all the residents of the Giebelstadt area.

Saturday, Oct. 15

The fire officials will be at the Leighton Barracks Post Exchange



During last year's National Fire Prevention Week activities, young boys get a good look at the special equipment a firefighter wears.

throughout the day, where they will perform a number of educational fire prevention demonstrations. The crew will also provide a variety of fire prevention literature and offer children a tour of the on-site fire trucks.

Activities will be held to include a fire truck display, fire extinguisher training, fire safety demonstrations, a visit from "Pluggie, the little fire hydrant" and children's games.

Additional fire prevention week activities will include visits to all area elementary schools. For more information about this or other special fire safety events, contact Karin Morrell, USAG Franconia fire inspector at 351-4782 or e-mail Karin.Morrell@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil.



Fire inspector, Martin Birkhahn, talks to spectators during last year's fire prevention demonstrations at the Leighton Barracks PX.

Prepare your car for hazardous winter conditions

International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Campaign continues throughout October

HEIDELBERG — AAFES Car Care Centers, U.S. Forces Vehicle Inspection Stations operated by the U. S. Army BASOPS Maintenance Center—Europe, and all auto repair shops on the economy will provide free inspections during October in support of the International Motor Vehicle Lighting Campaign.

The purpose of the campaign is to encourage motor vehicle owners to have their vehicles inspected prior to the onset of winter weather.

The campaign is conducted each year during October to correct deficiencies prior to the more hazardous winter driving season.

This is the time when hours of darkness increase and winter road and weather conditions begin.

German garages, AAFES Car Care Centers and most U.S. Forces Vehicle Inspection Stations will be conducting free inspections to check vehicle lighting systems to include headlights, taillights, fog lights and turn signals.

In addition to the lighting

inspection, AAFES Car Care Centers will also inspect windshield wipers, exhaust systems and tires.

Those AAFES Car Care Centers equipped with a brake analyzer will test brake systems.

Any repair work to correct deficiencies is, of course, chargeable to the vehicle owner.

Upon successful completion of the lighting system inspection, a safety sticker will be affixed to the windshield showing that the vehicle has successfully passed

the inspection.

Take advantage of the International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Campaign and prepare you automobile for winter.

For more information about AAFES free winter inspections, call:

The Harvey Barracks Car Care Center at 355-8571 or 09321-3058571 or the Leighton Barracks Car Care Center at 350-6486 or 0931-8896486.

Article contributed by the USAREUR Safety Office.

Soldiers test new weapon systems

By Sgt. W. Wayne Marlow
1st Infantry Division
Public Affairs Office

Soldiers with the 1st Infantry Division got a sneak peek at the Army's future, Sept. 24, when they fired three experimental weapons at Grafenwoehr Training Area.

The new weapons are upgraded versions of a grenade launcher, a machine gun and a semiautomatic rifle. The systems are produced at

Picatinny Arsenal, N.J.

Lt.Col. Kevin Stoddard, project manager for crew-served weapons at Picatinny, said Soldiers were getting a chance to fire "the next generation of Soldier weapons." He said the weapons were built from the ground up with feedback from Soldiers after each step. The final result were the weapons, which were fired Sept. 24.

With optical and thermal sights and little kickback, the weapons

proved easy to fire, and most Soldiers hit the targets on their first attempts.

"These weapons allow Soldiers to get their first round on target, quickly engage the enemy, and move to the next target," Stoddard said.

Spc. Jason Enriquez, an infantryman with Company B., 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, was the first Soldier in the area to fire the XM25, a semiautomatic weapon. He had glowing reports on its capabilities.

"It was totally smooth and light. It shot fantastic," he said. "It moves your head and snaps you back. I never felt a kick like that before, but it was smooth. It wasn't rough."

The XM25 is equipped with a ballistic computer, thermal sights and zoom capabilities.

Like Enriquez, Spc. Matthew Krupa also found the weapon easy to use.

"The accuracy was amazing," said Krupa, a tanker with Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Battalion, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment. "The site was perfect, very advanced."

Having the XM25 in Iraq would have proven beneficial, Krupa added.

"It would be good for getting people behind walls or ducking behind cars. It would have helped a lot," he said.

Also tested was the XM312, which shoots, handles and maintains like a light machine gun.

Spc. Jay Teller and other firers were amazed at both the accuracy and steadiness of the XM312.

"It has a site, and it doesn't move much because there isn't much kick, so you can keep your eye right on the crosshairs," said Teller, who serves as a scout with C Troop, 1st Battalion, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment. "It's a very easy weapon to shoot."

The ability to lay the first round on target is what impressed Teller the most.

"It would have been very beneficial downrange. There's zero time for the bad guy to see what's going on," he said.

That also means a more optimal use of ammunition, noted Spc. Jonathan Calvin, a fueler with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 121st Signal Battalion.

"It conserves a lot of rounds because of the accuracy. You would be able to hit your target every time," Calvin said.

Also tested was the SM320, a low-velocity grenade launcher that either attaches to a host rifle or is fired as a stand-alone weapon. Although none of the Soldiers had used it before, most scored hits on their first try.

Stoddard said he expects the fielding of these advanced weapons to begin in 2008.



SPC Jason Enriquez of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Regiment, fires the experimental XM25 semi-automatic weapon Sept. 24 at Grafenwoehr Training Area. (Photo by Sgt. W. Wayne Marlow, 1st Infantry Division Public Affairs Office)

What do Deployed Troops Want? Check their blogs...

DALLAS – Web logs, or blogs, are quickly becoming a popular pastime for many Americans, including service members deployed to Operations Enduring and Iraqi Freedom. In fact, a Google search for military blogs returns more than 28 million results.

What are they talking about? Well, many deployed bloggers are using their forums to educate Americans on the best ways to

send support from the home front to the front lines.

In a Sept. 7 posting, a Soldier also serving in Iraq warned of challenges phone cards purchased in the United States and sent to Iraq can present.

"I received a regular phone card in a letter from home, which was supposed to have 60 minutes or something, but with the Kuwait-U.S. charges, it turned into more like 13," the Maryland Guardsman

who blogs as "Chris Whong" (<http://chris.whong.org/>) wrote. "The link (<https://thor.aafes.com/scs/default.aspx>) goes to AAFES, where you can buy the 550-unit cards for \$40, which are the best value for talk time. (AAFES usually requires you to be in the military to shop on-line, but now allow you to buy phone cards for troops overseas.) If any of your troops have been asking for phone cards, these are the ones to buy."

Any American can log on to aafes.org or call 800-527-2345 to show their support for America's deployed troops. From there, the "Gifts from the Homefront" gift certificates and "Help Our Troops Call Home" phone cards can be sent to an individual service member (designated by the purchaser) or distributed to "any service member" through the American Red Cross, Fisher House or USO.

"The Sins of the Mother" cast takes on one act festival

By Larry Reilly

Public Affairs Office

The Act 1 Community Theatre's cast and crew put the finishing touches to its rendition of Tony Morinelli's one act play, *The Sins of the Mother* last week, then put their act to the real test during the annual One Act Festival in Heidelberg Oct. 7-9.

"I believe we presented a good performance during the three-day festival," said Garland Travis, USAG Franconia entertainment director, who is also directing *The Sins of the Mother*.

"The play centers around five females and in our case, five talented female actors from the community," Travis said. "We have a strong cast that includes some seasoned performers and a couple of first timers."

Though the cast and crew were not able to

bring home any awards to share with its audience, the cast and crew does plan to share this performance at least one time.

"We will perform the play at the Harvey Performing Arts Center on Harvey Barracks on Oct. 14 starting at 8 p.m.," Travis said.

"The cost is \$5 and we are cautioning that this is a play geared toward a mature audience because of its adult dialogue and situations."

For those interested in performing on stage or backstage, auditions for the upcoming Tim Kelly's *Dracula*, a drama, will be held Oct. 24-26 at the Harvey Perform-



Some of *The Sins of the Mother* cast and crew work together during a rehearsal of the one act play. Photo by Larry Reilly

ing Arts Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call 355-1550 or 09321-3051550.

Adults, children learn during FRG Appreciation Day

The Family Readiness Group Appreciation Day celebration at the Cantigny Club Sept. 30 was a learning experience for adults and children though the processes differed.

"The Appreciation Day gave the command an opportunity to provide family readiness group leaders and assistants a number of instructional classes," said Hal Snyder, USAG Franconia, ACS director. "The children also learned some unique lessons while participating in a number of crafty games and rides outdoors."

The seven-hour celebration also included live music and BINGO.



Hal Snyder talks about such topics as unit funds, sponsorship, event planning and resume building inside the Cantigny Club during the Sept. 30 Appreciation Day's celebration. Photos by Larry Reilly



While their parents were learning in a confined classroom environment, dozens of children were learning the fine art of balance in a more relaxed environment during the Appreciation Day celebration Sept. 30.

CYS lines up Harvest Fest

Hundreds of children and adults will gather at the Marshal Heights School Age Services building on Oct. 15 to partake in the Child and Youth Services or CYS Harvest Fest.

The fest, which has become a tradition for both families and the CYS staff, offers everyone an opportunity to officially close out the fall with a number of arts and crafts projects, games of fun and food for all.

The fest will begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

There will be more than a dozen different activity booths set up both inside and outside the SAS building, which offers the children and parents the option of going from one activity to another at their own pace.

The intent of the Harvest Fest is to offer an opportunity for families to get into the atmosphere of fall. It also offers families an opportunity to visit the School Age Services building and see what programs and activities it has to offer.

For more information on the Harvest Fest, call 355-8647 or 09321-3058647.

Personal changes to passports will cost

By Chief Warrant Officer Robert Brabo
38th PSB

The US Department of State, Special Issuance Agency, recently announced a significant policy change affecting all U.S. Passport holders. The title is the "No-Amendment" Policy and it took effect Sept. 26.

The following information is an excerpt from the Special Issuance Agency's notification to all Department of Defense Military Passport Agents.

"Passport Services will no longer be amending passports to change items appearing on the data page of existing passports (Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth, Gender, Date of Issuance, and Date of Expiration). The decision to stop amending passports to correct or change data page elements will improve passport security by having current personal information on the passport data page. Also, when the electronic passport is in circulation,



Chief Warrant Officer
Robert Brabo

issuance to show a name change may receive replacement passports without charge. Applicants whose name change takes place more than one year after issuance of his/her tourist passport must apply for a new passport, paying for all required fees. Note – the same rules apply for the No-Fee Official passport, less the required fees.

the passport data page and the electronic chip will always contain the same information.

Qualified passport applicants who want to have their tourist passports changed within one year of

Special Note – There is no charge or time limit to request a replacement passport if the data were printed incorrectly by the Department of State.

If you know a piece of information needs to be changed in your passport, take care of it as soon as possible. Passport processing takes 8 to 12 weeks from the time you visit our office and complete an application packet with all supporting documentation. Take a look to see if the name in your passport does or doesn't match the name on your Military Identification Card. If one of them is wrong, it has to be changed.

Questions or inquiries may be directed to any one of our three Passport Offices in Kitzingen, Würzburg, and Giebelstadt.

Chief Warrant Officer Robert Brabo, a human resource technician, can be reached at 355-2374 or (09321) 7022374.

Teamwork helps Soldiers tame obstacle course

By 1st Lt. Victor J. Gonzeles
HHC, DISCOM

During the Labor Day weekend, Soldiers from the 701st Main Support Battalion (MSB) and their German Partnership Unit: 3./461st LOG BN participated in an obstacle course in Walldurn, Germany.

The event took place at the

Konstanzbahn Course in Hammelburg's Infantry School. It consisted of negotiating the Monkey Bars, a 40-foot metal wire crossing, a dark tunnel course, rope crossing a water obstacle and a 50-foot wall climb to name a few of the events.

Participants started the activities early in the morning pausing at noon for lunch at the local dinning facility and continuing at 12:45 p.m. until all nine obstacles were completed. At 4 p.m., German and American Soldiers shared a passenger bus in return to the departure point at Walldurn.

"I enjoyed the bus ride as much as I enjoyed the Obstacle Course," said Spc. Lucas Price about the one hour trip back home.

"Riding with them in the bus gave us the opportunity to get to know them better and helped develop what I hope will be long lasting friendships," said Staff Sgt. Ronald Kerley.

Soldiers from the 461st LOG



German and American Soldiers work together to get across the rope crossing obstacle.

BN have participated in many activities with their 701st MSB counterparts. Some of those activities included weapons ranges, social and athletic events and military functions. They also participated in each other's chain of commands.

There is a sense of belonging among the Soldiers of the units that participant in these events. On Aug. 5, Soldiers from the 3./

461st LOG BN qualified with the M16A2 rifle and were awarded the Army Marksmanship Badge.

Soldiers from the 701st MSB are looking forward to earning the Schützenschnur by firing the German MG-38 rifle or the P-8 a 9 millimeter pistol.

The units did meet again Sept. 20 during the 461st Battalion's change of command ceremony at Walldurn.



Staff Sgt. Ronald Kerley, Co. B, 701st MSB, recovers from the water obstacle.

12th Aviation Brigade remains steadfast in its humanitarian mission

By **Capt. Laurie A. Forand**
Task Force Griffin

Company F., 159th Aviation Regiment, has been keeping busy flying missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan.

When the unit assumed the mission in February from Company B., 214th Aviation Regiment, "Hillclimbers" from Wheeler Army Airfield in Hawaii, they also

assumed an important humanitarian aid mission called "Operation Shoefly".

The mission of "Operation Shoefly" would be to deliver much needed shoes, clothes, personal items and school supplies to remote Afghanistan villages where vehicle traffic is limited.

Often times, the Chinook Heavy-lift Helicopter unit found it self flying over areas that could

only be reached by helicopter, especially during the winter and wanted to find a way to contribute to these local villages.

"Operation Shoefly" was formed, and a campaign to get donations from families and friends back in the United States began.

The response from people wanting to help was overwhelming; boxes of shoes, clothes and supplies began to flood into Bagram daily. The unit sorted through the material and began the execution phase of "Operation Shoefly".

While conducting daily missions, aircrews would deliver the boxes off the ramp of the aircraft to villages as they flew by. When Company F., 159th "Big Windy" received notification that they would be deploying to replace the "Hillclimbers," they assured them this important humanitarian aid mission would also continue.

Since arriving in country, Big Windy Soldiers have been sending

out the word to their family and friends asking for donations to continue "Operation Shoefly". As with the Hillclimbers, the response has been phenomenal.

Weekly, over 20 boxes are received through the mail and the "Operation Shoefly" storage container is continuously overflowing as the team sorts and distributes the boxes to the aircraft. During the past five months, "Big Windy" has distributed close to 10 tons of humanitarian aid to remote locations throughout Afghanistan, and will continue to do so during their deployment.

The soldiers know they will not see the results of their efforts during this deployment, but that is not why they continue "Operation Shoefly".

It is in the hope that with this small gift from the sky, they can give to others what we sometimes take for granted in the U.S.

(Editor's note: Captain Forand is the TF Griffin Public Affairs officer and Assistant S1 officer.)



A Big Windy aircraft delivers boxes of clothes, shoes, and school supplies outside a village in Afghanistan for "Operation Shoefly".

Sports In Brief

Breast Cancer Awareness fun run set

The USAG Franconia Sports Branch will host the Breast Cancer Awareness Month 5K fun run Oct. 15 starting at 10 a.m. at the Giebelstadt Army Airfield.. Registration for the run will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The entrance fee will be \$10 per runner and a T-shirt will be given away to the first 50 people to register. For more information, call 355-8374 or 09321-3058374.

Tompkins Barracks hosts boxing smoker

IMA-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation is hosting a free Boxing Championship at Tompkins Barrack's Fitness Center, Oct. 15.

All female and male U.S. ID cardholders are welcome to compete. Divisions consist of participants with no bouts (sub novice); novice (boxers with ten and less bouts); and open boxers (more than ten bouts).

Weigh-in and physical examinations will be at the Tompkins Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Competition will begin at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Victor Arthur at 373-5022, or 06221-17-5022 or Tom Hlavacek



Razzle Dazzle play

The Wuerzburg High School football team goes through a running play during their home 34-12 victory over Lakenheath Sept. 24. The team traveled to Wiesbaden this past weekend (Oct. 8) in hopes of evening off their overall record to 2-2, but lost 44-8.

Photo by Larry Reilly

at 379-7693, or 06202-80-7693.

Darmstadt hosts Frankenstein Castle Run

The 26th annual Frankenstein Castle Run will be held Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. The 13-kilometer run begins at the Cambrai-Fritsch Kaserne North Gate and ends at the Frankenstein Castle. Cost is \$19 or €15 for early registration or \$24 or €20

for same day registration. Registration will be held at any MWR facility in Darmstadt or Babenhausen or on-line at www.darmstadt.army.mil. Click on the "Frankenstein Castle Run" link under "What's Happening." For more information, call 348-1550 or 06151-69-1550.

Animal shelters looking for donations

For community members leaving or those with excess clean old towels, blankets or large amounts of left over pet food can donate the items to the local German animal shelters by dropping the items off at the Military Police Station in their community. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Vera McKenzie at 355-8855 or 09321-3358855.

Scouts looking to increase membership

The Kitzingen Boy Scout Troop 135 is looking to increase its membership. All boys, ages 11-18, are invited to join. The troop meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. in the scout hut on Harvey Barracks, located around the corner from the bank and food court. For more information, contact Jim Linder at 09321-922599 or e-mail Janean.linder@eu.dodea.edu.

Red Cross offers volunteer class

The American Red Cross is offering a volunteer orientation. The Larson ARC office will offer the orientation Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. The Leighton ARC office will offer the orientation Oct. 20 at 9 a.m. For more information, call 355-2478 or 09321-7022478 or 0931-8891760.

Community Roundtable set

The Army Community Service will host the community roundtable meeting Tuesday, Oct. 18 at 9 a.m. in the Cantigny Club conference room on Leighton Barracks. For more information, call 350-7103 or 0931-8897103.

CYS hosts Parent's Night Out event

Treat yourself to a night out and let the kids hang out with the Child and Youth Services staff. The Kitzingen Child Development Center will host a Parent's Night Out Saturday, Sept. 17 from 6 p.m. until midnight. The cost is \$12 per child. To make reservations call the Marshall Heights CDC at 355-2460 or 09321-390060.

ACS offers finance classes

The following financial assistance classes will be offered through the Army Community Service office during October. The classes will start at 9:30 a.m. at the respective location.

VA Benefits, Oct. 12, Larson Education Center;

Checkbook Management, Oct. 19 at the Giebelstadt ACS office, Bldg. 609;

Budget Management, Oct. 26 at the Leighton ACS, Bldg. 14;

For more information on the classes, call 350-7103 or 0931-8897103.

Contract job opportunities

Army Community Service has several contract job openings including marketing and automation specialist, a relocation readiness assistant and an Army Family Team Building/Army Family Action Plan program manager. For



more information call 350-7103 or 0931-8897103.

AFTB now on-line

Community members now can take Army Family Team Building classes on-line at the Leighton Yellow Ribbon Room. Log onto www.aftb.org and take Levels I-III in English or Levels I-II in Spanish. For more information, call 350-7103 or 0931-8897103 or the Leighton YRR at 350-7441 or 0931-8897441.

School organizations seek volunteers

The Wuerzburg Elementary School Parent Teacher Association is seeking volunteers for several vacancies. The group will host its first general meeting Sept. 15 at 6 p.m.

For more information, contact Terri White at 0936-7982389 or Dawn Stewart at 0934-970591.

The Wuerzburg American High School PTSA is seeking volunteers for secretary, treasurer and various committee chairs. For more information, e-mail donna.l.jones@us.army.mil or justpaprka@hotmail.com.

Scout troop meets Tuesdays

Boy Scout Troop #62, for boys in fifth through 12th grade, hosts meeting's every second, third and fourth Tuesday of the month at the Boy Scout Hut on Leighton Barracks at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Mike White 350-6899 or 0936-7982389.

Adoption support group

ACS is hosting a monthly support group for families seeking adoption overseas. The group meets the first Wednesday of each month at the Leighton Yellow Ribbon Room from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact Michelene Hearth-Holmes or Jaime Ragins at 350-7103 or 0931-8897103.

ACAP seeking counselors

Army Career Alumni Program, or ACAP, is seeking qualified career counselors for the U.S. Army Garrison Franconia.

Qualified applicants need a master's degree in education, counseling or similar discipline, two years teaching or counseling experience, familiarity conducting large briefings and must

not be considered an "ordinary resident" in Germany. For more information, contact Kimberlyn Ard-Bowser at 355-2462 or 09321-7022462.

New parent program begins

Army Community Service is offering a 10-week new parent education program entitled Baby: Birth & Beyond. The course is offered to both Soldier and civilian parents-to-be and will provide them the information they need to make the best choices in managing pregnancy, childbirth and parenting.

The class will be held Thursdays at the Leighton Education Center, room 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. Enrollment is ongoing. For more information, call 350-7103 or 0931-8897103.

ACS offers employment help

The Giebelstadt ACS is offering employment assistance every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call ACS at 352-7877 or 09334-877877.

Send a message of love

The Giebelstadt Army Community Service is now offering community members a chance to tape a videotape a message to your loved ones before deploying downrange. Taping will be conducted Tuesday and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and Thursday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call ACS at 352-7877 or 09334-877877.

Coupons available at ACS

Grocery coupons are available at all Army Community Service locations. Coupons include items such as diapers, food, cleaning supplies, and pet care. The coupons are pre-cut and sorted by category. Join ACS for Coffee & Coupons Fridays at the Giebelstadt ACS office, building 609, room 111. For more information, contact Vicki Valdez at 350-7103 or 0931-8897103.

Cantigny offers meeting place

The Cantigny Conference Center is now offering a variety of catering options and prices for your party and meeting needs. The conference center also hosts karaoke every Thursday night, R&B on Fridays, monthly comedy nights, free internet service, amusement machines and a full service bar.

For more information, contact Jim Collins at 350-6305 or 0931-8896305 or e-mail him at Jimmy.collins@cmtymail.98asg.army.mil.

Woodland Inn Den open

The Woodland Inn Den is now open. The Den is located across from Harvey Barracks and features a full service bar, dart board, a pool table, music, and a big screen TV. It is open Tuesday through Saturday from 4:30 to

11 p.m. For more information, call 355-8311 or 09321-3058311.

FCC providers needed

Family Child Care providers are needed within the community. Becoming an FCC provider is an opportunity to earn money without leaving home. Information sessions are held the first and third Thursday of each month at the Larson Barracks, building 1, room 109, at 2:30 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Russell at 355-2817 or 09321-7022817.

Mommy and Daddy basic training begins

For all new dads and dads-to-be, Army Community Service is hosting a Daddy Basic Training class. ACS is also offering a Mommy Boot Camp to all moms and moms-to-be a hands-on class which teaches infant care for ages birth through four months old. To register for either parenting class, call ACS at 350-7103 or 0931-8897103.

Baby swap shop now open for business

The baby swap shop is a free program dedicated to collecting and redistributing maternity wear, infant gear and clothing to families in the U.S. Army Garrison Franconia. The shop collects gently used and new baby gear and clothing and makes them available to

Advocacy classes available at ACS

Army Community Service hosts several Family Advocacy Program, or FAP, classes each month. All classes will be held at the Leighton Education Center, room 7. For more information or to register for a class call ACS at 350-7103 or (0931) 8897103.

Stress & Anger Management

1st Tuesday of each month
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Stress Management

2nd Monday of each month
9 a.m. – noon

Advanced Stress and Anger Management Class

3rd Tuesday of each month
Noon – 4 p.m.

Parenting Skills

2nd Tuesday of each month
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Communication Skills Class

3rd Tuesday of each month
8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Couple's Communication & Relationship Building

4th Tuesday of each month
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



families for free.

If you have items you would like to donate, drop them off at any Army Community Service office. For more information, call 0931-3057103.

EArmyU briefings held

EArmyU is now available to U.S. Army Garrison Franconia Soldiers. The first step in the enrollment process is to attend an EArmyU briefing. The briefings will be held: the first

Wednesday of each month at the Larson Education Center, building 9, room 304 from noon to 1 p.m.; the second Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Leighton Education Center, building 15, room C6; and the third Wednesday of each month from noon to 1 p.m. at the Giebelstadt Education Center, building 1609, room 202. For information, call 355-2774 or 09321-7022774.

AAFES movie theater schedule for the USAG Franconia theaters

Kitzingen

Friday, Oct. 14

7 p.m. Just like Heaven (PG-13) (1st Run)

Saturday, Oct. 15

7 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG-13)

Sunday, Oct. 16

7 p.m. Just like Heaven (PG-13) (1st Run)

Friday, Oct. 21

7 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)

Saturday, Oct. 22

7 p.m. The Great Raid (R)

Sunday, Oct. 23

7 p.m. Supercross (PG-13)

Giebelstadt

Friday, Oct. 14

7 p.m. The Transporter 2 (PG-13) (1st Run)

Saturday, Oct. 15

4 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)

7 p.m. The Transporter 2 (PG-13) (1st Run)

Sunday, Oct. 16

4 p.m. Supercross (PG-13)

7 p.m. The Great Raid (R)

Friday, Oct. 21

7 p.m. Just like Heaven (PG-13) (1st Run)

Saturday, Oct. 22

4 p.m. Valiant (G)

7 p.m. Just like Heaven (PG-13) (1st Run)

Sunday, Oct. 23

4 p.m. Valiant (G)

7 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

Wuerzburg

Tuesday, Oct. 11

7 p.m. Flightplan (PG-13) (1st Run)

Wednesday, Oct. 12

7 p.m. Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo (R)

Thursday, Oct. 13

7 p.m. Must Love Dogs (PG-13)

Friday, Oct. 14

7 p.m. Into the Blue (PG-13) (1st Run)

10 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)

Saturday, Oct. 15

1 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)

5 p.m. Into the Blue (PG-13) (1st Run)

9 p.m. Into the Blue (PG-13) (1st Run)

Sunday, Oct. 16

3 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)

7 p.m. Into the Blue (PG-13) (1st Run)

Monday, Oct. 17

7 p.m. The Great Raid (R)

Tuesday, Oct. 18

7 p.m. Dukes of Hazzard (PG-13)

Wednesday, Oct. 19

7 p.m. The Great Raid (R)

Thursday, Oct. 20

7 p.m. Into the Blue (PG-13) (1st Run)

Friday, Oct. 21

7 p.m. Supercross (PG-13)

10 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

Saturday, Oct. 22

1 p.m. Valiant (G)

5 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

9 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

Sunday, Oct. 23

3 p.m. Valiant (G)

7 p.m. Two for the Money (R) (1st Run)

Monday, Oct. 24

7 p.m. Two for the Money (R) (1st Run)

Tuesday, Oct. 25

7 p.m. Four Brothers (R)

Wednesday, Oct. 26

7 p.m. Two for the Money (R) (1st Run)

Thursday, Oct. 27

7 p.m. Valiant (G)